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SUBJECT: GUYANA ELECTION: FOUR PARTIES SUBMIT LISTS OF
CANDIDATES

REF: GEORGETOWN 0860

1. EACH OF FOUR PARTIES THAT NOW WILL CONTEST JULY 16
ELECTION YESTERDAY FILED REQUIRED LIST OF 53 CANDIDATES.
UNDER GUYANA' S SYSTEM OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION
NUMBER OF SEATS EACH PARTY GAINS IN NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY IS DETERMINED BY ITS PERCENTAGE OF POPULAR VOTE.
TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS IS 53, HENCE EACH PARTY LIST CONTAINS
53 NAMES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER FROM WHICH EACH PARTY LEADER
WILL CHOOSE MEMBERS TO FILL SEATS HIS PARTY HAS WON.

2. WHEN LEADERSHIP EACH PARTY PUBLICLY PRESENTED LIST TO
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER REGINALD BUTLER AT CITY HALL YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON THERE WAS LITTLE EXCITEMENT OR CONTROVERSY, NOR DID
LISTS PROVIDE ANY NOTEWORTHY SURPRISES.

3. HIGHLIGHTS EACH PARTY' LIST AS FOLLOWS:
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A. PEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS(PNC)- ALL TWELVE ELECTED MINISTERS AND THIRTEEN PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO SERVED IN PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT WERE INCLUDED. DROPPED WERE FORMER PNC MINISTERS NEVILLE BISSEMBER AND ROBERT JORDAN AS WELL AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY JOHN JOAQUIN AND PARLIAMENTARIANS J. BUDHOO AND S. M. SOFEE. FOUR FORMER PPP PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO BECAME INDEPENDENTS (GEORGETOWN 0232) DURING PAST YEAR WITH PROMISE OF SUPPORT FOR PNC INCLUDED ON PNC LIST. THERE ARE EUGENE STOBY , LEONARD DURANT, LILIAN BRANCO, AND EGAR AMBROSE. FIFTH IDENEPENDENT, RANDOLPH CHECKS EVIDENTLY HAS RETIRED FROM POLITICS. OTHER NOTABLE INCLUSIONS ON PNC LIST ARE: " TECHNOCRAT" MINISTER OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRCTIION S. S. NARINE; UG PROFESSOR LYTTLETON RAMSAHOYE(BROTHER FO FORMER PPP PARLIAMENTARIAN FENTON RAMSAHOYE); SPECIAL POLITICAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM CHRISTOPHER " KIT" NASCIMENTO; GUYANA ASSOC. OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES(GALA) EXECUTIVE HOWARD LONDON; EX PPP ACTIVIT AND CANJE POLITICIAN SYDNEY SUKHU; MOSLEM SADR ANJUMAN PRESIDENT MOHAMED NISSAR; YOUNG SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (YSM) EXECUTIVE ROBERT CORBIN. EARLY RUMORS THAT BURNHAM INTENDED INCLUDE ON LIST " TECHNOCRAT" MINISTERS(INCLUDING PNC GENERAL SECRETARY HAMILTON GREEN) PROVED FALSE.

PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) - ALL 14 PPP MEMBERS OF DISSOLVED PARILIAMET INCLUDED, AS WELL AS JANET JAGAN, WIFE OF PARTY LEADER CHEDDI JAGAN; MIRROR EDITOR CLINTON COLLYMORE; MOVEMENT AGAINST OPPRESSION (MAO) CHAIRMAN HAROLD SNAGG; GENERAL SECRETARY SAWMILL & FOREST WORKERS UNION GENERAL SECRETARY PATRICK ALLEYNE. FENTON RAMSAHOYE, NOW DEPUTY DIRECT OR OF LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE CARIBBEAN, BASED AT THE TRINIDAD CAMPUS OF UWI, HAS ABANDONED ACTIVE POLITICS AND NOT INCLUDED ON PPP LIST. PRINCIPAL SURPRISE HERE IS INCLUSION OF JANET JAGAN AFTER LONG PERIOD OUT OF PARLIAMENT. SHE HAD BEEN A GOV' T MINISTER DURING HER HUSBANDS TENURE AS PREMIER.

C. LIBERATOR PARTY (LP) - LIST INCLUDED PARTY LEADER GANRAJ KUMAR; CHAIRMAN MAKEPEACE RICHMOND : UF PARLIAMENTARIANS MARCELLUS FIELDEN SINGH, ARCHIE SUTTON, AND ELINOR DA SILVA. OTHERS ON LIST TEND TO BE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN. AMUSING SIDELIGHT WAS APPEARANCE AT CITY HALL OF " DISAPPOINTED BRIDEGROOM", MOHAMED NAZIR OF RECENTLY FORMED GUYANA LIBERA-
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TION ASSOCIATION TO FILE COMPLAINT THAT LIBERATOR PARTY HAD NOT HONORED PLEDGE TO MERGE. LIBERATOR CHAIRMAN SAID AS NAZIR HAD WANTED TO BE LEADER OF MERGED GROUP UNTIL DAY BEFORE LISTS DUE, IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMODATE HIM.

D. PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (PDM) - ASIDE FROM PARTY LEADER AND BURNHAM FOE, FORMER PNC MINISTER LLEWELLYN JOHN, PARTY

LIST INCLUDED NEWCOMERS TO NATIONAL POLITICS. ON LIST, HOWEVER,
WAS WAKENAAM DISPENSER ALOYSIUS FRANCIS SEYMOUR (NOT POET
ARTHUR SEYMOUR AS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED IN GEORGETOWN 0828) WHO
RECENTLY FORMED POOR PEOPLE' S CONGRESS BUT MERGED IT WITH
PDM TWO DAYS AGO.

3. FULL LIST 212 CANDIDATES BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM.
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